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From: William T Fujioka
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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Executive Summary

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- **Pursuit of County Position to Support SB 580 (Leno).** This measure would appropriate \$5,000,000 from the Firearms Safety and Enforcement Special Fund to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) for FY 2014-15 to contract with local law enforcement agencies to reduce the backlog of individuals who are identified by the Armed Prohibited Persons System as illegally possessing firearms. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to support proposals to provide funding to support activities aimed at confiscating firearms from those prohibited from possessing such weapons, **the Sacramento advocates will support SB 580.**
- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation.** The status of six County-advocacy bills related to: 1) motion picture tax credits; 2) investigations of Drug Medi-Cal program providers; 3) State park maintenance projects; 4) property tax postponement program for senior and disabled citizens; 5) investigations at drug abuse recovery treatment facilities; and 6) pension tax increment.

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- **Status of Legislation of County Interest**

- **AB 1816 (Yamada)** - related to complaint investigations of long-term health care facilities, passed the Senate Health Committee on June 25, 2014.

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

SB 580 (Leno), which as amended on June 12, 2014, would appropriate \$5,000,000 from the Firearms Safety and Enforcement Special Fund to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) for FY 2014-15 to contract with local law enforcement agencies to reduce the backlog of individuals who are identified by the Armed Prohibited Persons System as illegally possessing firearms. The bill would additionally appropriate from the fund, \$3,333,334 in FY 2014-15 and \$3,333,333 each in FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 to the DOJ to redesign and update specified computer systems related to firearms. Finally, SB 580 would appropriate an additional \$50,000 from the fund to the DOJ for FY 2014-15 to provide training to local law enforcement agencies on the use of the Automated Firearms System. The bill would require that the training be completed on or before June 1, 2015.

Currently, the California Department of Justice (DOJ) operates an automated system to track owners of handgun and assault weapons who might be prohibited from owning or possessing those firearms. That database, the Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS), cross-references all handgun and assault weapons in the State against criminal history records to determine if a person falls into a prohibited status subsequent to their legal acquisition or registration of their firearm.

According to the DOJ, the list of armed prohibited persons grows by about 15 to 20 per day and as of May 2014, there were 20,834 individuals identified that have a prior criminal conviction or mental health disorder which disqualifies them from possessing more than 43,000 firearms. Previous legislation, **County-supported SB 140 of 2013**, appropriated \$24.0 million in FY 2013-14 to address the backlog in the system and as a result, the DOJ reports it has conducted close to 9,000 APPS investigations this year.

SB 580 would provide an additional \$5.0 million in FY 2014-15 to allow DOJ to contract with local law enforcement agencies to reduce the backlog of individuals who are in the APPS and who possess firearms. The focus of the funding would be on persons with mental illness who are prohibited from possessing firearms and on counties with the largest backlog of prohibited persons. SB 580 will also make an investment in updating specific statewide computer systems that focus on firearms.

Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to support proposals to provide funding to support activities aimed at confiscating firearms from those prohibited from possessing such weapons, **the Sacramento advocates will support SB 580.**

SB 580 is supported by: the California Chapters of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence; California District Attorneys Association; Friends Committee on Legislation of California; and Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. There is currently no registered opposition on file.

SB 580 passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 5 to 0 on June 24, 2014 and now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported AB 1839 (Gatto and Bocanegra), which as amended on June 17, 2014, would extend qualified motion picture tax credits for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021, and increase the amount of tax credits for a qualified motion picture to the applicable percentage of qualified expenditures up to \$100.0 million, among other provisions, passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee, with amendments, by a vote of 6 to 0 on June 25, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 1967 (Pan), which as amended on April 10, 2014, would require the California Department of Health Care Services, upon commencing and concluding an investigation of a certified Drug Medi-Cal Program provider, to promptly notify each county that contracts with the provider that an investigation has commenced or concluded, passed the Senate Health Committee, with amendments, by a vote of 8 to 0 on June 25, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 2150 (Rendon), which as amended on June 18, 2014, would require the California Department of Parks and Recreation to: 1) identify and develop a priority list of deferred State park maintenance projects; 2) apply specified factors when prioritizing and identifying deferred State park maintenance projects; and 3) extend the prohibition against closing or proposing to close a State park through FY 2014-15, passed the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee by a vote of 8 to 0 on June 24, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 2231 (Gordon, Levine, Patterson), which as amended on June 19, 2014, would: 1) reinstate the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement (PTP) Program to provide for deferment of property taxes for qualified seniors and disabled persons; 2) establish the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens PTP Fund (Fund) to pay the administrative costs and disbursements related to the postponement of property taxes for eligible applicants; 3) require PTP loan payments and funds resulting from the voluntary sale of a property that has a lien to be deposited directly into the Fund; and 4) require the State Controller to provide county tax collectors with information required to prepare for and enforce the sale of tax-defaulted property, subject to the request of county tax collectors and their certification under penalty of perjury that the information is being requested for this specific purpose, among other provisions, passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee by a vote of 7 to 0 on June 25, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 2374 (Mansoor), which as amended on May 6, 2014, would: 1) require the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to design its death investigation policy to ensure that the death of a resident of a licensed alcoholism or drug abuse recovery and treatment facility is reported by the licensed facility and addressed by DHCS in a timely manner; 2) specify the content of required telephonic and written reports of events or incidents occurring in a licensed facility; and 3) prohibit DHCS from licensing an alcoholism or drug abuse recovery and treatment program that does not, prior to registering or certifying a counselor, consult with the available electronic databases of the other department-approved counselor registration and certification organizations to determine whether the person has ever had his or her registration or certification as a counselor revoked, passed the Senate Health Committee, with amendments, by a vote of 8 to 0 on June 25, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported SB 663 (Lara), which as amended on June 18, 2014, would require that, beginning in FY 2014-15, any revenue generated and collected from a voter-approved property tax rate to support pension programs must be allocated to the city, county, or city and county whose voters approved the tax, passed the Assembly Local Government Committee, with amendments, by a vote of 9 to 0 on June 25, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Status of Legislation of County Interest

AB 1816 (Yamada), which as amended on June 17, 2014, would: 1) set a performance benchmark for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to complete complaint investigations of long-term health care facilities within a defined number of

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days, not to exceed 60 working days; 2) require CDPH to, if it extends an investigation beyond the number of days specified in the benchmark, notify a complainant in writing regarding the basis for the extension; 3) require CDPH to analyze its compliance with the benchmark in its annual system and staffing analysis and make that analysis available to the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature and on its website; and 4) allow a complainant to, within 15 days of receiving CDPH's investigation determination notice, notify the Director of CDPH of his or her request for an informal conference to review CDPH's determination, passed the Senate Health Committee by a vote of 8 to 0 on June 25, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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